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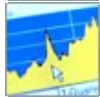
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Census TableBuilder

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New and upcoming microdata releases

To receive information about microdata on the day of its release, subscribe to the free ABS Email Notification Service or the ABS RSS Feed. To apply for access to microdata, log into the online microdata application and management system, MiCRO.

Microdata: Household Expenditure Survey and Survey of Income and Housing, Australia, 2009-10 (Second Edition - incl. Fiscal Incidence Study) (cat. no. 6540.0) - Basic and Expanded CURF

Released: 17 July 2012

This is a second edition release of the Household Expenditure Survey and the Survey of Income and Housing Basic and Expanded CURF, which includes new variables relating to the 2009-10 Fiscal Incidence Study.

Microdata: Characteristics of Recent Migrants, Australia, Nov 2010 (cat. no. 6250.0.25.002) - Expanded CURF and Survey TableBuilder

Released: 17 May 2012

These products provide statistics about migration category, country of birth, proficiency in spoken English, educational attainment on arrival and since arrival, employment prior to arrival and since arrival, and sources of household income.

Microdata: Education and Work, Australia, 2011 (cat. no. 6227.0.30.001) - Basic CURF and Survey TableBuilder

Released: 15 May 2012

These products provide selected information on participation in education, highest educational attainment, transition from education to work and current labour force and demographic characteristics for the civilian population aged 15-64 years. Characteristics reported on include: type of educational institution attended or attending; level and main field of education of current study and highest level and main field of educational attainment. Information on unsuccessful enrolment, and deferment of study is included for persons not studying in the survey year. Data on apprenticeships is also provided as well as some information for persons aged 65-74 years who are in the labour force or marginally attached to it.

COMING SOON!

Microdata: Childhood Education and Care, Australia (cat. no. 4402.0) - Expanded CURF

Expected release: Late 2012

This publication presents information on children aged 0-12 years and their families. Information includes: use of formal and informal care; cost and duration of care; working arrangements used by parents to care for their children; attendance at preschool programs; requirements for additional formal care or preschool; and informal learning.

Microdata: Labour Force Survey and Labour Mobility, Australia, Feb 2012 (cat. no. 6202.0.30.004) - Basic and Expanded CURF

Expected release: Late 2012

This publication presents information on Labour Mobility data in relation to people aged 15 years and over who worked at some time during the year ending February 2012. In addition to the standard labour force data items, the Labour Mobility data provides details on persons who changed employers/businesses in the year ending February 2012, and for those people who have been with their employer/business for the last 12 months, the changes in their job including promotion, transfer, changes in occupation and usual hours worked.

Survey TableBuilder Datasets

Expected release: Late 2012

Survey TableBuilder has recently been released into production, with more datasets coming soon:

- Microdata: Disability Ageing and Carers, 2003
- Microdata: Crime Victimization, Australia, 2010-11
- Microdata: Household Use of Information Technology, Australia, 2010-11
- Microdata: Learning and Work, Australia, 2010-11
- Microdata: Participation in Selected Cultural Activities, Australia, 2010-11
- Microdata: Patient Experiences In Australia, 2010-11
- Microdata: Barriers and Incentives and Retirement & Retirement Intentions, Australia, 2010-11

For future microdata releases, see Expected and available Microdata.

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User IDs and passwords

Do you have trouble remembering your user IDs and passwords and which system they belong to? How many should you have?

There are a number of microdata systems that require user IDs and passwords for access. To help keep track of what you need, see the list below and don't forget to keep both your user ID and password safe and secure and remember that they must not be shared with others!

Product	User ID	Password
MiCRO - the ABS online CURF application system	Usually the first 4 letters of surname and first 2 letters of given name, although users can choose their own user ID. Do not use email addresses as your user ID as this causes problems within the system.	Set by user. If you forget your password, ring 02 6252 7714 to have it reset. The system will generate a new one which you must then change. Password must contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least 8 characters • be alpha and numeric • contain upper and lower case characters • no duplication • no special characters • do not use your own name or birth date or anything that would easily identify you.
RADL - Remote Access Data Laboratory	System generated and cannot be changed - usually the first 4 letters of surname and first 2 letters of given name.	System generated and cannot be changed. If you forget your password, ring 6252 7714 and verify your identity to obtain your password.
Survey TableBuilder	Usually consistent with your MiCRO user ID.	System generated. If you forget your password, ring 02 6252 7714 and verify your identity to obtain your password or have it reset.

For further information about any of these products, click on the links to find out more!

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Analysis Service

The ABS currently developing a new tool for complex microdata analysis - the Analysis Service.

The Analysis Service is a menu driven interface that enables clients to explore and analyse ABS microdata. Clients can register for and purchase ABS datasets, and use the following functions and analytical tools:

- subsetting the dataset for selected variables or records
- creating new categorical variables from existing variables
- undertaking exploratory data analysis such as producing confidentialised summary tables and side by side box plots
- undertaking a range of analysis techniques using families of models such as linear robust, logistic binomial, multinomial, probit and poisson regressions.

An action list provides clients with a record of previous dataset transformations, manipulations and analyses undertaken. The regression output and diagnostics are confidentialised as they are produced, and can be saved to the client's own environment, in CSV, PNG and TXT formats.

Expected Datasets in Analysis Service

ABS expects to release the Analysis Service in late 2012, with the following datasets:

- Australian Health Survey
- Characteristics of Recent Migrants, 2010 (already available in Survey TableBuilder)
- Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2009 (already available in Survey TableBuilder).

Datasets for other surveys will be released progressively - see Expected and available Microdata.

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2011 Census TableBuilder contains first release data

2011 Census TableBuilder now contains the first release 2011 Census data in both the TableBuilder Basic and TableBuilder Pro databases. TableBuilder Basic, which is free to registered users, contains a range of topic-based databases and allows users to construct basic data tables and view them as graphs and maps. TableBuilder Pro is a charged product which allows users to create large and complex tables, with access to nearly all variables available from the Census data.

For information about available data items, see the TableBuilder details page. For release dates, refer to the 2011 release schedule page. A comprehensive user manual is available as well as online tutorials. To find out about registering for access to Census TableBuilder, go to the Registration centre page.

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Microdata News is a quarterly newsletter produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

It includes information about new releases of microdata including; Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURFs), TableBuilder datasets and other access methods, as well as tips for users and news about developments in the ABS microdata world.

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